asktd to take ae ion against its officers for the lapse ;|dereliction of duty-pointed out by he Commission.

Thefts in Trains

*228. SHRI V GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED *SAQt*
Y;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to st

(a) how many complaints did Railway Protection I oree receive regarding thefts of got ds and valuables on Tamil Nadu, Grtnd Trunk and Kerala Express during the last three years, year-wise and trainwise;

(b) how many of them have since been successfully solved by Railway Protection Force so for;

(c) how many complaints are still pending with Mailway Protection Force for reeovei y of goods and dis posal;

(d) whether ;t is a fact that the passengers who arelwere victims of thefts of goods and valuables are harrassed by Railway Protection Force when the/ approach the con cerned authorit es to register the FIR; and

(e) whether ar y such case or com plaint in this ret ai'd has been receiv ed in the past by concerned authority; if so, what action has been taken against these wbi were found guilty?

THE MINISTIR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY" OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) to (e) Statistical figure; of such complaints are maintained by the Government Railway Polio*, which functions under the contn I of the State Governments conceri ed.

RPF is not l<gally authorised to register and investigate such com plaints. Therefore, there is no question of Railway Protection Force harrassing the /ictims of thefts of gooda.

Physio Occupitional Therapist service

*229. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Physio Occupational Tharapist Service started in Central Institute of Orthopaedics, Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) what is the existing strength as against the sanctioned|required strength of the Department;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up the requisite strength of the department; and

(d) what steps have been taken| proposed to be taken in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANK ARAN AND): (a) Th_e service was started in January, 1991.

(b) t_0 (d) Against a sanctioned strength of 7 Physio/Occupational Therapists in the Central Institute of Orthopaedics, 4 posts are filled. Selection has already been made in res-I of 3 vacant posts and the offer of appointment has been issued in *2* cases.

Oil Fields in Assam

230. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil fields in Assam have failed *to* attract any bidders;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the response for other oil fields in the country apart from Assam?

I THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND I NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH